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Honorable Walter Reuther
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your letter of June 17, 1964 requesting additional information regarding the action by the Commission relating to the employment of Thomas Reddish as a consultant to the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission I can assure you that during the meeting of May 19 each employee of the Commission was confronted on an individual basis by the members of the Commission. The charges which had been raised in the public press and in Congress regarding Mr. Reddish were certainly of concern to the Commissioners. I know personally that each member of the Commission was aware of these charges and considered it of paramount importance that these matters be investigated thoroughly prior to any decision by the Commission.

As I am sure you know, the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to a Government employee's background is a very comprehensive one. During the Bureau's investigation relating to Professor Reddish, interviews were conducted with numerous persons well acquainted with his organizational affiliations, his political beliefs, his intellectual bending and attainments, his personal habits and associates, and other matters which might shed light on his capacity to serve as a consultant to this Commission. Each member of the Commission reviewed the complete investigative file pertaining to Professor Reddish. It was on the basis of such full consideration that the Commission on May 19, 1964 decided that Professor Reddish was entitled to have access to security materials and continue to serve as a consultant to the Commission.

I hope that this letter supplies the additional information which you desire.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin